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Dear Sir/Madam:

Response and Amendment

This response is in reply to the office action mailed on June 23, 2009.

Claim Amendments

1. Please amend the claims as shown on the attached marked-up pages. Claim 1 has been amended to recite the biocide concentration. Support for this amendment is found in Table 1 of the specification. In addition, claim 1 has been amended to make it clear that the product is a mixture (or blend) of the biocidal and inorganic components, and not a coated particle, wherein the inorganic components render said biocidal components less combustible, as supported in the description and in cancelled claim 23. Furthermore, claim 8 has been incorporated into claim 1 to specifically recite the inorganic components. The amendments clearly distinguish the present invention from the cited prior art.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

2. The Examiner rejects claims 1-8 and 8-20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Olson, US 4,731,195, in view of Jones et al., US 5,478,482.

3. In this respect, we would like to draw the Examiner's attention to three major inventive features of the instant product, which are definitely taught away by the cited prior art: